

Upadesha-saram by Swami Veditatmanandaji

June 7 to 9th AVG Midwest Retreat, Illinois, USA



The second AVG Midwest Retreat was held in Plymouth, Indiana, USA on June 7th thru 9th. The first was held in Lisle, Illinois, last year. Swami Veditatmanandaji gave pravachans on verses from Upadesha Saram by Ramana Maharshi. The location was peaceful and serene in a quiet, rural setting and was well attended by over 125 devotees. Many were primarily from the midwestern states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. This was an opportunity for the local devotees to attend an event, away from their busy lives but within reasonable driving distance.

Another heartening feature was that the camp was primarily organized by the local "sevaks". There was also a spirited discussion on issues facing the Hindu community in the U.S. Areas of possible cooperation within the region were explored, including the promotion of scriptural studies, at various local temple locations, utilizing knowledgeable and dedicated persons, in the area itself.

Plans are already underway for next year's event. Swamiji covered about 8 verses in the sessions this year and will continue with the following verses next year also.

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